

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to recite sequence identification numbers and to modify claim dependency where necessary. No new matter has been added by the present amendments.

In reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 30, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II, claims 8-11, 13, 15, 17 (in part), and 20-22. Applicants submit that, after entry of the present amendment, claims 23-29 and 33-34 depend from claim 8 and should be included in Group II.

In reply to the species election, Applicants elect, without traverse, a polypeptide having the following sequence:

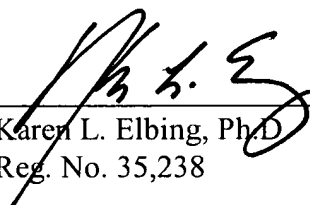
CSQNEYFDSLLHACIPCDLYCSSNTPPLTCQRYC (SEQ ID NO: 18)

Applicants identify claims 8-11, 13, 15-17, 20-29, and 33-34 as encompassing subject matter related to the elected species. This election is made expressly without waiver of Applicants' rights to continue to prosecute and to obtain claims to the non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

Also enclosed are a Petition to extend the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement dated May 20, 2008 for one month, to and including July 30, 2008 and a check in payment of the required extension fee. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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